**OCTOBER 2004** 

## GOODYEAR CITYREPORT

## Taste & Tunes Has Los Lobos

Multicultural food, wine, and beer from a number of Valley restaurants will add a unique "flavor" to Goodyear's Lakeside Taste & Tunes MusicFest on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at Estrella Mountain Ranch's North Lake Park. Gates open at 2 p.m. for this unique blend of new jazz-fusion, blues-rock and modern classic pop.

Headlining the event will be the ever-popular Los Lobos, a band that found international success with its remake of "La Bamba."



Poor Alfred leads off the musical festivities at 3 p.m. with acoustic folk, blues, and roots music. They will be followed by Cascabel. Led by violin phenom Quetzal Guerrero and accoustic guitarist Gustavo Angeles, Cascabel's style spans the range of Afro-Cuban, Brazilian, and gypsy jazz. Azz Izz follows Csascabel. This eight-piece ensemble blends funk, reggae, and soca.

Exciting tastes are brought to you by Wildflower Bread Company, J & J West-side Bar-B-Que, On the Border Mexican Grill & Cantina, The Arizona Kitchen at the Wigwam Resort, The Corner Bistro, Coffee Arch Expresso, Park Wines and Golden Eagle Beer Distributors.

\$20 general admission tickets are available for advance purchase. Call the West Valley Arts Council at 623-935-6384 or log onto www.ticketweb.com. General admission will be \$26 the day of the show. Please - no coolers, picnic baskets, food or beverages except sealed water bottles. Bring your own seating.

## We're Having a Howling Halloween!

# HOWLING GOOD HALLOWEEN BASH AWAITS KIDS

Rides, game booths, a cake walk, a pumpkin patch, magicians, balloon twisting and food await you on Oct. 30th from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at



the Goodyear Community Park on Litchfield Road north of the Palm Valley Fire Station.



Dress in a costume for the event and you could win prizes for the cutest, scariest or most original costume.

While the event is FREE, some activities do have a minimal cost. For more information, call Jennifer at 623-882-7531.

## DOGS WILL HOWL AT GOODYEAR'S NEW BARK PARK

Even the canines will be celebrating Halloween at the Grand Opening of the Dog Park on Oct. 30th from 9 to 11 a.m. Deck your pet out in a Halloween costume. Prizes will be given for the best costumes.

There will be treats and giveaways for the dogs. Petsmart will have a booth and the Goodyear Police Department will be doing a K-9 demonstration.

The 3-acre park, surrounded by a chainlink fence, has two areas - a one-acre section for passive dogs and a bigger two-acre area for active dogs. There are benches for humans, shade trees, plastic glove dispensers to pick up after Fido and Fifi plus human and doggy drinking fountains.

The park is located south of MC85, just east of Estrella Parkway. Turn onto the Goodyear Water Treatment Plant road. The park is on the right.

## Friday Concerts in New City Community Park

There will be FREE concerts at the plaza at the new Goodyear Community Park on Friday evenings in October at 6:30 pm.

- October 15<sup>th</sup> Texas Toast & Jam Country
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> Terry McFee & Sound Company Big Band & Swing
- October 29th Tina Bailey Band Classic Rock

There will be refreshments for sale and a Kids Zone arts & crafts area. Please bring your own lawn chairs or blankets. The park is on Litchfield Road, north of the Palm Valley Fire Station.



## Vote - West Valley's Future in Your Hands

**Mayor Jim Cavanaugh** 

The Fall of 2004 is turning out to be quite a turning point for the future of Goodyear. Goodyear's change began with a great voter turnout (30%) for the September election which illustrates how much you care about your community. We thank you for that.

The \$134 million bond election you overwhelmingly supported will provide the infrastructure we need to keep up with our tremendous growth. As the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest growing city in the state, the passage of this bond election assures you that basics such as water delivery, sewer pipe construction and storm water systems can be properly managed and can keep up with growth.

And, thanks to your supportive vote, we will make our city even better with more open space, parks and recreational complexes. In addition, fire protection facilities and public buildings such as a library can be built to improve our quality of life.

On behalf of the City Council, I also want to thank you all for passing 11 of the 12 amendments to our charter to better align it with how we do business today.

The recent grand opening of our first community park was a turning point as well. You all waited patiently for a large park in Goodyear, and now we have a place to play ball! The hundreds of parents and children who turned out for the opening shows how important this park is to our citizens. And, as a result of the bond election, there are many new parks in our future.

Another turning point for Goodyear and the West Valley is set for Nov. 2. On that day you have the opportunity to vote on the entire Valley's transportation system – but, more importantly, you have the chance to vote on whether you think Proposition 400 meets the transportation needs of the West Valley!

For those of you who are new to the Valley, this is a vote to extend the 20-year half cent sales tax approved by voters in 1985 that primarily built 147 miles of freeways in the Valley. Based upon growth patterns during those years, most of those freeway miles went to the East Valley. The West Valley received the Loop 101 and improvements to I-10, but not much more.

For the next 20 years, growth will be in the West Valley. So our priorities now are more freeways and bus routes. That's what we will get from the plan that was developed by the consensus of a Valleywide committee made up of myself, mayors of other Valley cities and representatives of the business community. Months of work and compromise went into the development of this plan and, in the end, each area of the Valley got what it needed to meet growth needs. Most of this \$15.8 billion plan goes to add 344 miles of new or improved freeway miles, 275 miles of new or improved arterial roads plus new and expanded bus service. Twenty-eight light rail miles will be added to the rail project Phoenix and Tempe are already building with their own money.

Three out of the four planned new freeways will affect the West Valley:

- The 38-mile Loop 303 will be constructed to connect I-10 in the SW Valley with I-17 in the NW Valley.
- An I-10 reliever is intended to provide congestion relief to the overcrowded I-10 corridor. This major 13-mile, east-west freeway will run parallel to I-10 to the

south. It will primarily serve Goodyear, Avondale and Buckeye.

- The South Mountain Freeway, or Loop 202, is a 22-mile southwest segment that connects from I-10 in Chandler around South Mountain and connects with I-10 in the West Valley.
- I-10 will be widened and receive interchanges including Bullard Ave. which is critical to the accessibility of Goodyear's future regional mall.
- New lanes will be added to Arizona 85.
- Major arterial streets in the West Valley will be expanded and improved, including the upgrade of Northern Avenue to a parkway from Grand Avenue to Loop 303.
- Money is also included in the plan to build noise walls, use rubberized asphalt for noise control, and to keep the freeways clean and free of litter.

For those in the West Valley who don't like driving to work or who are without a car, 115 additional express bus miles and 235 extra miles of regional bus routes are in the plan – many of them in the West Valley. Park & Ride lots will be built throughout the SW Valley and a light rail extension along the I-10 corridor to 79th Avenue will allow West Valley residents to use Phoenix's planned light rail system if they choose to. While freeway and arterial miles and bus routes represent 85% of the total \$15.8 billion transportation plan, only 15% is planned for light rail.

The West Valley's future transportation needs are in the hands of all Valley voters. We need to try to control our own destiny. So, it's important that Goodyear residents turn out in large numbers to vote on Proposition 400 so the West Valley's voice will be heard loud and clear. This is your chance to speak out on your future transportation system!

#### **Goodyear City Council**



(L to R): Sue Linney, Vice Mayor Dick Sousa, Fred Scott, Mayor Jim Cavanaugh. Rob Antoniak, Ken Porter and Frank Cavalier.

#### Council Calendar

City Council Meetings and Work Sessions are held at the Goodyear Justice Facility, 986 S. Litchfield Rd

Tues., Oct. 12\*
Council Meeting - 7 p.m

Mon., Oct. 18 WorkSession - 5 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 25
Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.

Mon., Nov. 1 WorkSession - 5 p.m.

\* Tuesday due to Columbus Day (which is not a Goodyear holiday)

### West Nile Virus Epidemic Waning as Summer Ends

The West Nile Virus epidemic continues to wane, with few new cases being reported. The number of Culex Tarsalis mosquitoes, which carry the virus, continues to fall. Complaints have also declined, even with recent rains.

The County reported it has scaled back its fogging efforts, from about 40,000 acres per night to 20,000. Fogging is only done if complaints are received or if traps indicate the presence of mosquitos.

A total of 346 human cases and six deaths have been attributed to the West Nile disease thus far in Maricopa County.

### **City New Shorts**

#### What is "Uncontained Trash?"

Goodyear's Sanitation Division asks that you go to their pages on the City's website to see what is allowed to be put out for uncontained trash pickup. Goodyear has many new residents who may not understand what constitutes "uncontained" trash. Go to www.goodyearaz.gov. Click City Programs/Services on the homepage and go to Uncontained Trash Service.

#### Thousands at G.A.I.N. Events

Seven active Goodyear neighborhoods held fun-filled G.A.I.N. events on Oct. 9th to help "Get Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods." Throughout the day, City officials visited each event to thank residents for participating in this great program.

#### **Car Safety Seat Inpections**

The Goodyear Fire Department asks that you please call ahead for an appointment at 623-932-2300 to assure that personnel will be available to do the safety checks.

#### **Attention All Vendors!!**

The City of Goodyear is looking for arts & crafts vendors for the Holly Jolly Festival on December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Goodyear Community Park. Spaces are available for \$20. Applications will be due for the event by November 12<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited, so get your application in now. For more information, call Jennifer Campbell at 623-882-7531.

#### Building Safety staff Honored by Arizona Building Officials (AZBO)

Four Building Safety Staff received awards this year at their state conference. Autumn Hartsoe was named AZBO Plans Examiner of the Year, Tina Morgan received the AZBO Permit Technician of the Year, and Ed Kulik won the AZBO Building Inspector of the Year award. Steve Burger, Goodyear's Chief Building Official, received the AZBO Award of Excellence and the Chairman's Award for 2004. Mr. Burger has received the AZBO Building Official of the Year award in 2000, 2001, 2003.



## Cowboy Codey Sez:

"Whoa partner, watch where you're putting those signs!"

There are rules for where and when you can put out signs for garage sales and open house signs.

**Garage Sale signs:** 

- 1. No larger than 6 square feet in size.
- 2. Sign cannot be up longer than 3 days.
- 3. Don't put them on City sidewalks or within the public rights-of-way.
- 4. You can put them up between sunrise and sunset and they must be removed daily.

#### **Open House signs:**

- 1. A maximum of four (4) open house directional signs for each home.
- Signs cannot be placed or located upon City sidewalks or within the public rights-of-way.
- 3. Maximum height of 3 ft.
- 4. Signs may be posted only when a sales person is on duty at the home and for no longer than nine (9) hours during any 24-hour period.

So, if you put them up on telephone poles, light poles, on the sidewalk or in the right-of-way, they are subject to confiscation.

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Friday's Kick-Off at Tuscany Falls



At Saturday's session attendees gave visual preferences on architecture, landscaping, water features, etc.





Consultant going over one of

the concepts on Sunday.



Your City Center Citizen Advisory Committee members



## What a Successful City Center **Design Weekend We Had!!**

Thank you to the more than 200 Goodyear residents who showed so much excitement over the idea of a downtown by bringing their visions to the 3-day design charrette on Oct. 1-3. The design weekend was hosted by the City Center Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) made up of citizens and chaired by residents Georgia Lord and Jamie Cavalier.

The Friday evening kickoff was at Tuscany Falls Country Club. The Saturday Workshop and breakout groups were held at Desert Edge High School. The consulting groups worked with Saturday's citizen input throughout Saturday evening and Sunday morning to develop the first set of draft concepts. Citizens then saw these draft concepts at the Sunday afternoon session at City Hall.

These concepts will be further expanded by the consultants and brought back to the committee. Watch for future public meetings on the City Center concepts! It's Your Downtown!



On Sunday, citizens saw three initial draft concepts and commented on them.



Goodyear resident Linda Lewis going over the ideas generated by her Saturday breakout group.



Citizens working in a smaller workshop breakout group.

## City of Goodyear Inaugural Golf Classic

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Thirty-two 4-member teams benefited the United Way at Goodyear's first Goodyear Golf Classic scramble on Saturday, September 18th at Tuscany Falls County Club. The tournament raised almost \$7,000 for the charity and marked the kick-off the City of Goodyear 2004 United Fund campaign. We'd like to thank our main sponsors of the event — Kitchell, Snell & Wilmer, Waste Management and APS – and all of our other sponsors who made it all possible.

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Thank you to all our sponsors for their wonderful support!

Goodyear Community Park Grand Opening -And a Good Time Was Had by All!





















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## Please, NO Green, Green Grass of Winter!

If you do not overseed your lawn during winter, you can save thousands of gallons of water each month since you do not need to water your summer lawn at all during the winter time.

Additionally, now that the extreme heat has passed, this is the time to start cutting back a little bit on the water going to your outside plants. You should still continue to water between 4:00 and 5:00 a.m. as less evaporation will occur and

the water will have more opportunity to soak into the ground around the plants.

Be sure to check with your home owners association about any rules they may impose regarding overseeding of front landscapes. All HOA's are encouraged to adopt water saving policies whenever possible.



## Important Information!!

Call Police for After-Hours Water or Sewer Emergencies

Cut this out and put it on your refrigerator!

The Water Management Department oversees all of the City's water and sewer service south of I-10. Our hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any calls left on the answering machine, or e-mails submitted via the website will not be responded to until the morning of the following business day.

If you experience an after-hours water or sewer emergency, please contact the Goodyear Police Department at 623-932-1220. They will notify the Water Management Department on-call person to respond to your emergency.

If you need to report a water or sewer matter during business hours, you can contact us at 623-932-3010.

After-Hours Emergencies - call 623-932-1220

## **Job Openings**

Visit the City of Goodyear Web site at www.goodyearaz.gov or call the City's 24-hour hotline, 623-932-1716, for job listings. Goodyear accepts applications only for open positions. The Human Resources Office is located at 190 N. Litchfield Rd. Phone 623-882-7752. TTY is 623-932-6500. EEO/M/F/V/H/D.

Compliments? Complaints? Comments?

## Contact Your Citizens' Office in City Hall!

Community Advocate Linda Dillard runs the Citizens' Office and is ready to help. Just call Linda at 623-882-7800 or e-mail her at Ldillard@goodyearaz.gov. You can also reach the Community Advocate by going to the City's website: www.goodyearaz.gov. Click on "Feedback Form" on the homepage.

## Get Ready for Our Fall 2004 Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day -November 13

Goodyear has added a Fall disposal day for **Household Hazardous Material that has** previously been only an annual Spring event. Collect and store your household hazardous waste materials in a safe place and bring them to Goodyear's City Hall parking lot at 190 N. Litchfield Rd. on Nov. 13th! Check our website for a list of hazardous materials - www.goodyearaz.gov.



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